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Case Docket No. 38195.54

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Inventor(s): Kanji TANAKA, Hiroshi ARAI, and Hiroshi NAKANO

For: BINDER

Applicant(s) claim(s) benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States provisional application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed are:

- 68 Pages of Specification  
 42 Sheet(s) of drawings ( formal  informal)  
 Declaration and Power of Attorney  Will follow.  
 Form PTO-1595 and an Assignment of the invention LIHIT LAB., INC. at 1-22, Noninbashi 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka-fu, JAPAN  
  Will follow  
 A certified copy of Japanese Patent Appln. Nos. 2002-311772 filed on October 25, 2002; 2003-152410 filed on May 29, 2003; and 2003-190647 filed on July 2, 2003, from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to Rule 55b and 35 U.S.C. 119.  Will follow  
 Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status  
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With reference to the subject application, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby authorize and request the Commissioner to treat any correspondence requiring a petition for extension of time as containing such a request therefor for the appropriate length of time. This general authorization is effective during the pendency of this application, including any division or continuing application therefrom.

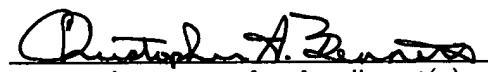
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